

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOR ID-I-FITR

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1. THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION OF (THE DARI FORM OF THE HOLIDAY'S NAME) WILL TAKE PLACE ON OR ID-I-FITR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 4 (IT IS A LUNAR HOLIDAY) TO MARK THE OCCASION, WE RECOMMEND PERSONAL MESSAGE BE SENT FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE SEND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO HAFIZULLAH AMIN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS YEAR, THE DARI FORM ID-I-FITR SHOULD BE USED (AFGHAN PROTOCOL HAS RECOMMENDED THIS).

2. LAST YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER SENT TO AFGHANISTAN'S LAST PRESIDENT, MOHAMMAD DAOUD, WAS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE ON THE OCCASION OF ID-AL-FITR IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN MY BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS.

AS I TOLD YOUR AMBASSADOR, IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL GROW EVEN STRONGER IN THE YEARS AHEAD. MAY YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE BE BLESSED WITH PEACE, HAPPINESS, AND PROSPERITY. SINCERELY, MIMMY CARTER  
END QUOTE.

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3. LAST YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY, SENT TO FORMER MINISTER-IN-CHARGE FOR VFOREIGN AFFAIRS, WAHEED ABDULLAH, WAS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE MRS. VANCE JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WARM CONGRATULATIONS AS YOU CELEBRATE ID-AL-FITR. I KNOW YOU WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES SHORTLY AND I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO

ASSURE YOU PERSONNALLY OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND OUR RESPECT.  
SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE END QUOTE

4. IF STANDARD MESSAGES ARE NOT CONTEMPLATED, WE AR  
WILLING TO SUBMIT SUGGESTED TEXTS FOR DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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